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Why Not Deal With Justice?

Judging from the so-called news reports in several of the daily papers, the present Grand Jury of this county is doing much to bring the work of this department of our judicial system into contempt and to hasten the time when the citizens of the country will demand either its radical reform on entire abolition. Apparently either the members, or at least some of them, have been lead—rather misled—into the serious error of publicly discussing matters brought before that body before either a determination had been reached or even the entire facts of the case elicited, a mode of procedure, contrary both to the spirit of the law and to the requirements of public justice and the general conception of the duties of an inquisitorial body such as this was designed to be.

That this is a method of procedure reprehensible in the extreme must be apparent to the mind of any reasonable person. By this means either rumors originating with private or public animosity, or the ordinary inquiry into the transaction of public business—either of which in itself is a proper subject for the consideration of a body of this character—may easily be turned to the detriment of a really innocent person, who under ordinary circumstances is left without means of redress for the unjust stigma thus cast upon an otherwise unblemished character.

While these reflections are of importance in their general nature, they are especially applicable to the course of the present Grand Jury in the methods allowed during the consideration of the business methods pursued by County Treasurer E. P. Chamberlain in the conduct of his office and the methods pursued in the care of the public funds. Not only have the reporters for some of the daily papers been allowed without question from the Grand Jury to publish flaring reports as to the avowed intentions of the jurors before a decision as to the findings warranted have been reached, but the members have even gone so far as to pose before the camera of an "enterprising" reporter. Certainly this latter act could not have been done without their consent, and should merit, as it will probably receive, the condemnation of every fair-minded citizen of the county.

It is not the intention of this journal to apologize for Mr. Chamberlain or any of his official acts, nor does it believe that such an apology is necessary, especially among the older residents of a community among whom he has spent the greater portion of his life. For the enlightenment however, of those who are comparatively unfamiliar with the history of the affairs of the county, it might not be inappropriate to review briefly the connection of Mr. Chamberlain with the growth and development of a section of which he is almost a pioneer. For more than half a century he has been a resident of this county, and during this time the people have had abundant occasion to appreciate his worth as a man and neighbor. As a business man he has done at least as much, and perhaps more than any one other man for the advancement of the material interests of the community where he has made his home. Always among the first to be appealed to, he has ever been ready to contribute of both his time and means for the furtherance of any enterprise looking to the advancement of the business interests of the city and county, and this without consideration of private gain.

Possessed of some means accumulated by strict attention to business and wise management, he has ever evinced a disposition to share the benefits with his less fortunate fellow men. While his charities have never been made the subject of public announcement and he himself would undoubtedly refuse to discuss his benefactions, those best acquainted with him know that numerous families have had occasion to thank his generosity for relief from serious want. To him the widow, the orphan and the sick have never appealed in vain. Never has the deserving hungry been turned away empty handed.

During all of this long life in one community, his private probity has never been questioned. Ever ready to condemn the wrong and uphold the right, his example has been such as might well be held as a pattern for the youth with whom he has come in contact.

Nor has Mr. Chamberlain been found lacking in the larger duties which every good citizen owes to his country. When the Nation was in its dire extremity, when the time came that tried the caliber of every citizen—he was weighed in the balance and was not found wanting. When the Nation called for its defenders, he was ready to respond and freely took upon himself the dangers of war that his country might not be dismembered. Equally with his duty as a citizen, he was ready to do his duty as a soldier.

Nor does it seem inappropriate in this connection to consider brief-

ly Mr. Chamberlain's connection with public affairs and his course as an official of the county. For more than 25 years he has filled the office of County Treasurer, by the voice of the people the custody of the public funds of the county have been committed to his care, and during that long time not a single penny of this money has been missing—at no time has he failed to be ready to give an account of every cent committed to his charge. That his record in this matter has been clear is plainly evidenced by the fact that he has been able at any time to secure personal bonds for the faithful keeping of this trust in any amount that might be demanded.

During all of this long term he alone has been responsible to the public and his bondsmen for the means of the safe keeping of what has been frequently very large sums of money. At no time has the county furnished him with a place of security in which the funds might be placed even over night. Even to this day the county does not possess a vault or even a safe in which any responsible banker would be willing to risk the amount of the daily balance of a small business. To suppose for a moment that he would keep such sums in an ordinary safe is ridiculous, when it is understood that in any bank handling even approximately so large a sum of money, care is taken that the opening of the vaults in which it is contained is not entrusted to any single man.

Nor does it appear that in the method adopted by Mr. Chamberlain for the safekeeping of the money entrusted to him he has violated any law. Apparently there is nothing in the statute which requires that the Treasurer should travel over the county seeking out banks desirous of paying the county for the privilege of caring for its funds. And apparently the bankers are far from desirous of assuming the responsibility and providing guarantees required by the law, from the fact that while all are well aware of its provisions none have made application for the privilege.

Much has also been made over the fact that Mr. Chamberlain is connected with the First National Bank of this city—in which he has placed a portion of the funds in his care—as a stockholder and official. Inquiry of the officers of this bank shows this complaint to be equally ridiculous. As a matter of fact it appears that his total interest in that concern amounts to ten shares out of something over 1000. Hence should this bank secure a small profit from the responsibility it assumes, his share in this profit would be but an insignificant one.

The demand of the Grand Jury that Mr. Chamberlain should bring the entire amount of the county funds—amounting to something like \$400,000—in coin into their presence that they might make a physical count of the money, is even more ridiculous. No banking institution in San Francisco would think for a moment of moving this large sum in coin even across the street from one vault to another without the presence of a large guard of police thoroughly armed. Nor would the Government for a moment pursue such a hazardous policy. Those familiar with military affairs know that even where a paymaster has occasion to travel but a short distance, and that in daylight over a populous thoroughfare, with but a few thousand dollars, he is always accompanied with an armed guard of soldiers detailed for the purpose. Even admitting that this large sum could fairly be counted in one day, who is to be responsible for its safe keeping over night or its transportation from and to the places where it is now kept. Certainly it would be unreasonable to expect that either Mr. Chamberlain or his bondsmen should assume this responsibility.

SALOON QUESTION AGAIN GOES OVER

Supervisors Still Balk at Menlo Park Saloon License Petitions.

COASTSIDE WANTS MORE LIGHT

General Fund of County Will Pay for Portion of Road Work in First District.

The board of Supervisors held an important meeting last Monday at which considerable routine business was transacted. All members were present except J. H. Coleman, who answered roll call at the afternoon session.

A petition was read signed by E. O. Valentine and other residents of Granada and Miramar in the Fourth Township protesting against the issuance of a license to Geo. Crowley. His saloon had a demoralizing effect upon the school children who were compelled to pass it. Crowley was notified to appear and show why his license should not be revoked at the next meeting of the board.

A petition signed by farmers and others living near the San Pedro mountains was read. M. W. McIntosh, O. M. Johnson and Frank Martini spoke on behalf of the petition. They said the road leading in to the first township was impassable, that the storm last Saturday had so damaged the road bed of the Ocean Shore Railroad that it

would be most likely closed all winter. The farmers have no way to get to San Francisco except to go around by way of San Mateo, a distance of many miles. This was a great hardship on them. Mr. McIntosh thought the road in question could be opened for a little over a \$1000. It was only a quarter of a mile in length.

It was desired that the old road be repaired or a new road constructed as far as San Pedro Valley, where it could connect with the present road leading to Colma.

Casey, in whose township the road in question is situated, admitted that the situation was a grave one and some relief should at once be given the farmers who are concerned. He felt, however, that as the work would entail great cost he should give assistance from the General fund. If the board would allow him \$1000 he would undertake to repair the old road and make other repairs, expending in all some \$3000. Without such help he felt unable at this time to grant the petition as his road fund would not be sufficient to meet the other needs of his township. He thought it would be more economical at this time to open up the old road.

Francis strongly urged that the road be repaired. He did not like the farmers hemmed in all winter.

McEvoy acknowledged the necessity of repairs but insisted it should be done from the road funds.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Wood for Sale—Good stove wood, \$2.50 per cord, delivered in Redwood city. Phone Sub. 2711, Woodside, Cal.

Lost—In Redwood on Broadway, between Main St. and the S. P. Depot, lady's round, black eyes and hair, bracelet, returns to the office of Curran & Clark, 147 Main Street, Redwood.

For Sale—A fine China goose. Order at once for Christmas. Live, single, and 10 lbs. delivered Thursday, Dec. 23rd, in Redwood city. Order at once by mail.

Rural Tel. No. 1. Redwood City, Cal. Telephone Dougherty's Hotel, Woodside.

Lost—Between Allen place and Menlo Park, a vest, light tan, for automobile. Returns to Frederick Seal Bicycle Shop, Menlo Park. Reward given.

For Sale—A corner Saloon and Grocery. Apply to A. E. HOFER, Redwood City. 12-4-4

For Sale—70 head of gentle, broke work driving and saddle horses. BENEFIT S. F. A. B. L. E., Palo Alto.

ROOMS TO LET, with or without board. Apply corner Stambach and Maple streets.

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MENLO PARK NEWS IN BRIEF MENTION

Interesting Paragraphs of Personal News Gathered About Town.

MAY ESTABLISH LOCAL BANK

Four Young Misses Hold Delightful Joint Observance of Birthday Anniversaries.

Charles L. Smith, a native of Germany, aged 74 years, died at his home here after a lingering illness last Wednesday. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Druids. Mr. Smith had been a resident of this county for over thirty years. For a long period he had been a sufferer from asthma. Mr. Smith was highly thought of in this community in which he had lived so long. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters to mourn him.

P. P. Moore and family have moved to San Francisco for the winter. Edward Morarty (the Ned Greenway) of Menlo Park gave another of his delightful cotillions in Duff and Doyle hall last evening. It is needless to say it was an enjoyable occasion.

Robert Rathbone was in town during the week. Mr. Rathbone was recently married in San Francisco to Miss Mangan, a prominent young woman of the metropolis.

The street lights were out Thursday evening much to the disgust of pedestrians and to those who have to pay for them. When a lightning district is formed this will not happen.

Two pepper plants with bearing fruit are attracting attention at the Menlo Pharmacy. Beautiful red peppers hang luxuriantly from the branches forming a charming coloring of red and green.

George Angus is moving into his cozy cottage in Menlo Grove.

The square is not to be beautified by trees and shrubbery by the railroad as contemplated. Many of the wealthy residents objected to the intended improvements for the reason that the square would be made inadequate for the many rigs and automobiles. This is to be regretted as we think the square could be made attractive and an ornament to the town.

A basket social will be given in the Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening. Rev. Drew and his wife have arrived and will be formally presented to the congregation on that evening. The new minister and his wife have only been married a year. Mrs. Drew is a most delightful hostess.

Rev. Chinn entertained at luncheon last Friday evening the newly elected vestry of Trinity Episcopal church at his home on Glenwood avenue. The vestry is composed of Perry Eyre, E. J. Pringle, W. B. Weir, Delaney Lewis, J. W. Goodwin, R. D. Girvin and A. Taylor.

Harry Morey Jr. was given a birthday party at the home of his parents Thursday evening. A large number of friends gathered to pay their respects to the young man and wish him "many returns of the day." After the rendition of a short program a delightful supper was served.

The members of Menlo Park N. S. G. W. will journey to San Francisco tomorrow to see the new ritual exemplified in Maple hall at 2 o'clock. The ritual was adopted during the meeting of the Grand Parlor in the Yosemite last year.

The Misses Callaghan of University Heights have closed their home and taken an apartment at the Empire.

Thomas Reynolds came down from Reno last week and removed his wife and young son to his home here. He has charge of the Senator Newland home near Reno.

For satisfaction, honest goods at right prices you should try Liebergs. Fruit fine candies, canned goods, fruit, etc. Palo Alto Home Bakery goods. The best place in town to serve a good smoke.

B. Joule has bought four acres of land near his home at University Heights. The sale was made through Frank Kirkpatrick, the real estate agent.

Two gentlemen were here during the week with a view of establishing a bank. They met with every encouragement by the merchants. It is understood that steps will be taken after the first of the year to organize. Several of the wealthy citizens have agreed to take stock in the bank and become stockholders.

A joint celebration of four birthdays, occurring in Menlo Park during Thanksgiving week, took place at the residence of Mrs. Enlay Cook, on Mills Avenue. The happy recipients of many presents and wishes for "many happy returns of the day" were Miss Violet Dick, Miss Dorothy Gale, Miss Dorothy Vincent and Miss Ina Cook. The mothers of these young ladies certainly outdid themselves in their efforts to give the little ones a good time. Mrs. Robert Brown of Redwood City brought some young relatives. After the birthday pie (in which was a plum for each child present) was disposed of, and all the little folk tired full and happy were making ready to go home one youngster anxiously inquired when the party was to begin.

The ladies of St. Thomas' Guild of the Catholic church of Palo Alto are preparing for a Christmas sale of fine articles and also religious goods at the Fraternity Hall Annex on December 15th and 16th. There will be a grand display of articles suitable for Christmas presents. This will be a good opportunity to buy your Christmas gifts. The breezes have taken up their winter home in San Francisco and closed so their place here. Teddy Dale is improving his property in Menlo Grove. The trees are being cut down preparatory to erecting a handsome home. The lot is one of the choicest in the tract having a frontage on two streets.

County Supervisors.
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of the first township. He said the road district was not impoverished and that it would be establishing a bad precedent to take the money from the general fund. Casey declared he would not make the repairs from his road fund.
Attorney H. W. Brown strongly urged the work be done from that source as the people from that district paid money into that fund and received no return. He advised the people in the San Pedro mountains to form their own road district. Blackburn advised that the board view the thoroughfare and then it would be better able to act. At his suggestion the board agreed to visit the road on Tuesday and meet Wednesday to act on the petition.

When the application of Charles Meyer, the Menlo Park saloon man came up for hearing, Geo. C. Ross urged that it be denied so that the vexatious question could be taken to the Appellate Court and decided. He explained that both sides were willing to pursue this course in order that the matter would get before the higher court and test the validity of the law prohibiting saloons within one and one-half miles from the Stanford University. He said would save expense and annoyance and the question would be settled in an amicable way. Mr. Ross explained that all the saloon men in Menlo Park were arrested and that their trials were proving expensive and that nothing was accomplished. The first trial resulted in a disagreement. He was sure the county was being put to a lot of unnecessary expense. McEvoy wanted to know if the saloon men would reduce to writing their willingness to proceed in the matter the way Mr. Ross stated. The latter replied that in as much as Mr. Meyer failed to produce evidence in his own behalf it was implied willingness.

The board having failed to act the matter went over until the next meeting.

The communication of O. W. Noll, complaining that some one threw a dead horse into the stream from which he got his water supply, was referred to the Health Officer and Sheriff.

Walter Knight complained that the public road near the residence of J. A. Folger at Woodside was obstructed by a stone fence. The matter was referred to the chairman at his request, on motion of Blackburn.

Wm. T. Ford of Millbrae applied for permission to transfer his liquor license to San Bruno Park. The application was denied on motion of Casey who stated that residents of the park were opposed to any additional saloons at that place. His motion was seconded by Blackburn.

The petition of H. O. Heiner and others asking that the license of James Coffroth be revoked was taken up. E. F. Fitzpatrick appeared for the petition and T. M. O'Connor for the prize fight promoter. At the request of the latter the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

The ladies of Colma were given permission to erect a mission bell on the Mission and San Pedro roads. The application of F. A. Smack for a liquor license in the First township was laid over until the January meeting, and the petition of McSweeney to transfer his liquor license in the same township was indefinitely laid over.

One bid was received for installing and maintaining lights in the Easton Highway Lighting District, in response to the clerk's published notice—that of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which company agrees to install and light, according to specifications thirty-three 75-watt, 60 candle power Tungsten lamps and seventeen 40-watt, 32 candle power Tungsten lamps for the sum of \$1033 per year, for a period of five years.

On motion of Casey, seconded by Blackburn, the contract was awarded to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which is to furnish a bond of \$1000 as a guarantee to faithfully carry out the terms of the contract. Assessor Hayward was granted permission to employ the surveyor to make certain changes in the county maps, to assist in preparing next year's assessment roll.

Mr. Hayward stated that the assessment on the property of Mrs. Johnson in the First township, complained of being doubled was \$150 less than given in the statement furnished by the owner.

Notice was received from the Empire Surety Company requesting the board to withhold any money due C. F. Force for roadwork in the Third township, until certain claims filed against him are paid. This communication was referred to the district attorney as was that of Coats and Wil-

PASSING MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST

News of Redwood City Boiled Down to Condensed Paragraphs.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING

Building and Loan Association Will Pay Off Matured Shares—New Series Being Issued.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Lurie of this city on December 8th.

During the week Sheriff Chatham made a clever capture of several cattle thieves that have been terrorizing the north end of the county for some months. He rounded up S. Levy, Fred Schaefer, William Schaefer and Joe Fennell. Their preliminary examinations will be held next Wednesday. The sheriff deserves credit for his clever work.

College Posters and penants. New local post cards. A. D. Walsh Co., Pioneer Drug Store, 12 Broadway.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the grammar school assembly hall by the class of 11 of the high school on December 18th. The Kieptomaniac by Miss Cameron will be a feature of the evening.

All the cases of the Menlo Park saloon men went over last Tuesday until the 21st instant, except that of Charles Meyer, who will be tried next Monday. It is thought he will plead guilty and the matter will be adjusted in the Court of Appeals. The case of A. J. Carleton allowed over to the 21st instant. It is thought the attorneys on both sides have come to some agreement where by one of the cases will be taken at once to the upper court.

Have your painting and paper hanging done by L. B. Winigay, the painter, Phone, Black 143, Redwood City.

Judge Buck made an order last Thursday authorizing the administrator of the Alpheus Underhill estate to sell all the real property of the estate in this city on or after the 27th of this month.

Yesterday in Berkeley, Carl Plump the popular town clerk, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Shearer, a prominent young woman of that city. After a short honeymoon spent in Hawaii presented at the last meeting on the same subject.

Attorney Archer Kincaid, on behalf of Benjamin Cunha, presented a petition asking that steps be taken to set a franchise for installing and maintaining electric lights in Miramar, Halfmoon Bay and Purisima school districts. On motion of Blackburn, action was postponed until the next meeting.

The United Gas and Electric Company was granted permission to excavate Atherton and Elena avenues and the Middlefield road near the residence of James L. Flood in the Third township, the county road near Tanforan in the First township and Floraduna avenue near Burlingame for the purpose of laying gas mains, the company having presented a bond of \$1000 as required by the board.

The National Water Company was granted permission, on motion of Coleman, to excavate the county road near Burlingame for the purpose of laying 1,500 feet of water mains to furnish a bond of \$100 as a guarantee to restore the road to its present condition.

Ordinance 230 fixing the price to be paid for the board of prisoners at the county jail at 50 cents per day for two meals and requiring the sheriff to furnish the board a roster each month giving the day and hour of the arrest and discharge of prisoners, was adopted on motion of Francis, seconded by McEvoy.

The auditor was instructed to furnish the board at its next meeting a statement of the condition of the Courthouse fund, showing the amount paid to the various contractors.

WEDNESDAY'S MEETING.
All the members were present at the meeting held Wednesday.

Casey was directed to proceed with the work of repairing the road at San Pedro Mountains and on its completion the board would allow him \$1000 from the general fund.

Further consideration of the Colma and San Bruno lighting district was deferred until next meeting.

The chairman was authorized to advertise for bids for completing the Pope-street bridge near Menlo Park. The resolution introduced Monday, directing the district attorney to commence suit to recover interest due the county at 2 percent per annum on moneys deposited in county banks was laid over until the next meeting.

Donald Mackenzie, superintendent of the courthouse, and Jas. Lefevre and J. W. Weber, plasterers employed on the building, appeared before the board and stated that the cornice work in portions of the structure was faulty and that the plasterers had been ordered to discontinue work by their union. It was stated that J. J. O'Brien was responsible for the manner in which the work was being done. On motion of Francis, seconded by Coleman, the clerk was directed to notify the O'Brien Construction Company and the architect to remove the faulty plastering and have the work properly done.

Casey was granted leave of absence from the county for thirty days, his intention being to take a trip to Oregon.

the south the young couple will occupy the cozy home provided by Mr. Plump in the Finger tract. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy wedded life.

Redwood City French Laundry. All orders promptly attended to. J. Raynal proprietor. Phone, Black 341.

On account of an omission in some of the invitations for the Hard Time Party, we take this opportunity of setting the date for the same as Tuesday evening, December 14, 1909. Dancing starts at 8:30 p. m. Patronesses Mrs. Dr. McCracken, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. E. Sampson.

The American Hotel, at Belmont, conducted by Mr. Rowell for many years, has been leased for three years to Mr. Archibald who gives up the Walden Hotel. The latter place will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Caldwell, nee Waltemire. Mr. Luscher of this place has abandoned the idea of renting the American Hotel. He held an option on the place until a short time ago.

There will be the usual services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock.

Tickets for the Native Daughters' dance next Saturday evening are on sale at Ryan's and Walsh's drug stores.

Rev. Titus Lang of San Mateo will hold German Lutheran services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 2 o'clock. An invitation is extended to German residents.

Rev. Chas. C. Kirtland will speak Sunday night in the Congregational church upon the theme of the Cantata which is to be rendered by the Choral Society on the 19th instant.

Posters are out for the Eagles' ball on New Year's Eve. This will be the usual great closing event of the year. The members of the aero are busy with preparations to make their ball a success.

Notice has been received by Postmaster Price from the Second Postmaster General, that Great Britain, the Orange River Colony and Rhodesia Transvaal, have refused to accept letters with charity, Red Cross, or Christmas stamps thereon; that Germany refuses to accept letters with such stamps across the face. The local postoffice has been annoyed by persons who place such stamps where the postage stamp should be affixed. All such letters, including those to foreign addresses are to be either returned to the sender or forwarded to the dead letter office.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of Mrs. Ostrander, who will open a new store at Palo Alto next Thursday. She will carry a full line of ladies and children's furnishing goods.

Mrs. W. F. Beeson of Washington, is here on a visit with her cousin, W. W. Beeson. She is the daughter of the late Senator Shannon of San Francisco and several years ago was prominent in society circles of the city.

W. A. Hillis, an expert shot, will demonstrate the use of the Remington automatic shot gun in the field back of the jail this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He will use U. S. M. C. ammunition sold at Hull Bros. Mr. Hillis is a wonder with the gun and it will be worth while to see him.

Mr. William Barstow has decided to dispose of his 18-foot launch and will raffle the boat off. She is a new boat equipped with a 3-horse power four cycle engine, and all of the regulation lights and whistles. It is certain that some one will get a fine launch for next to nothing.

Mrs. C. R. Charlton, nee Murphy, is here from Washington to spend the winter with her mother and sisters.

The San Mateo County Building and Loan Association, at a meeting of the directors held on Wednesday evening last, declared series number twenty-seven matured, and payable in full on December 15th. This series contained 74 shares and the above action means the distribution of \$14,800 among the holders thereof. The sale of shares in the new series, No. 69 began December 1st and is being made quite rapidly.

J. A. Rodriguez, of Black's Station, Yolo County, is here in connection with the settlement of the Josefa Rodriguez estate for which he is the administrator. Mr. Rodriguez spent his boyhood at Halfmoon Bay where the family is well known. Mr. Rodriguez is the Justice of the Peace of his town and is prominent in that county.

The grand jury was in session here all week. As the members are sworn to secrecy it could not be ascertained what their deliberations were.

Thomas Wilson has bought a half interest in a saloon at Hollister since leaving here and is doing a good business. The saloon is one of the best equipped in Hollister. The total rain fall for the season has been 8.09 inches as against 2.75 at this time last year. The rain fall for the present storm was 1.54 inches.

The money now in the hands of the Treasurer if brought before the grand jury would weigh one ton.

After Monday all stores in town will be open evenings until Xmas.

Tax collector C. L. McCracken is spending a few days at Paso Robles Springs after his arduous labors of collecting the first installment on the county taxes.

M. J. Moran has taken charge of the Palm Saloon near the depot and will be glad to meet his old friends there.

NEWS GATHERED FROM THE COUNTY

Interesting Notes Gathered by Hustling Reporters in the Country Districts.

SAN BRUNO WILL PLANT TREES

Pescadero Residents Experience a Severe Storm—New Management for a Belmont Hotel.

Pescadero Correspondence.

The wind and storm of last Saturday and Monday nights blew down fences and old sheds and on one of L. Coburn's ranches a wind-mill and tank blew down causing quite a crash.

Miss Ida Bloom and Dr. Ceaser of Boulder Creek were quietly married on December 8th at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Bloom.

Rev. J. W. Goffia tied the knot. Gus Wolf, our popular liquor drummer was in town during the week, traveling by rig from Long Bridge to Pescadero.

An entertainment will be given by the Pescadero school on December 17th, in Union Hall. The band will furnish the music for the occasion. Dancing will be one of the features after the entertainment.

Our Santa Cruz mail arrives in town at 3 p. m. now.

Mrs. A. Teague is on a visit to her son, William, of Oakland.

F. A. Woodman and wife were in town during the week from Pigeon Point during the storm.

F. C. Bowen, of Torquay, was in town and reports things as doing fine at the City of Torquay, with prospects of a lot of cottages going up the coming spring.

Dr. Thompson was down after duck again this week, only 2 1/2 this time.

Halfmoon Bay Notes

The dance given by the Monterey Welfare Club last week was a very pleasant social affair, being quite largely attended. The prizes offered for the best dancers were won by Mrs. E. Mitchell and Mr. Paul Schabale.

A dance is to be given in the Miramar school house Saturday evening, the 11th, for the benefit of the school funds.

Work at the rock quarry is again being pushed with quite a gang of men. The rock is being used for the grading of the roads in this vicinity.

Rumor again has it that work is soon to be commenced on a depot at Granada. People there are thinking it is about time they were given some accommodation.

Woodside Happenings.

Mushrooms are plentiful here on the foot-hills. They are more numerous than for many years.

Several weddings are scheduled to take place at Woodside before the first of the year.

Many new buildings are contracted for that will be erected early in the spring. Woodside is certainly to experience a boom next year.

Mrs. Charles Josselyn gave a large luncheon at her country home at Woodside last Saturday for Mrs. Emelia Hinchelwood of Paris, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter McGavin. Among the guests from town were Mrs. McGavin, Mrs. Hinchelwood, Mrs. L. L. Baker, Mrs. Edgar Preston and Miss Stone.

Belmont News.
The sympathy of the many friends of Mrs. Sophie Haquette are with her in her time of trouble in the loss of her husband, Col. Phil Haquette, who passed away last Wednesday evening. Quite a number of friends and neighbors attended the funeral at Holy Cross Cemetery on Saturday.

Mr. Monquist who was so severely injured last week at Burlingame by falling 15 feet from a building is improving. He was moved to the Red Cross Hospital, San Mateo, last Saturday and will be out in about a week.

The American House—Rowell's—is to change hands. Mr. Archibald of the Belmont hotel taking charge on January 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald are very well known, and are thorough hotel people so they will do well in their new venture.

Arthur Rich is home for a vacation for a short time.

Miss May Quinn of San Carlos is visiting her friend, Laura Emmett, for a few days.

Misses Mabel Murphy and Hazel Hammon spent a few days in San Francisco last week.

Mrs. George Roussel has just returned from a visit to her parents in San Francisco.

Harold Hans-n is kept very busy at the garage, he is doing quite a business.

Sam Mosher, of Eugene, Oregon, is visiting his cousins and uncle, Miss Rowell and John Rowell and A. Mosher.

The entertainment and dance in the Belmont School hall on Friday evening, December 17th, promises to be something very good. A fine program has been arranged and is to conclude with dancing until 12:30.

San Bruno Happenings.

A movement has been started here which it is expected will do much to add to the attractiveness of the town, and possibly do something in the way of increasing the comforts of the people. It is proposed to unite the property owners of the place in a general campaign of tree planting along the streets. It is expected that the various dis-

trict improvement clubs will provide the trees and probably direct their planting, while the residents will do the work and take care of the trees after the planting.

The ladies Aid society of the San Bruno Methodist Church are making preparations to hold a bazaar some time during the latter part of this month probably a few days before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammerick, of the Fifth Addition, have sold their home and will make their residence in San Francisco.

T. H. Fontes is preparing to erect a blacksmith shop on his lot on the Mission Road.

Plans have been prepared for the erection of a two story building on San Mateo avenue, adjoining the fire house. It is reported that the first floor of the new building is to be occupied as a saloon.

Mrs. J. Lee, who recently submitted to an operation at a hospital in San Francisco, has returned to her home considerably improved.

San Bruno Camp, Woodmen of the World, has elected George Roy consul commander, and A. A. Pudsey clerk.

Funeral of Mrs. Gordon.

All that was mortal of the late Phebe L. Gordon was taken to the M. E. Church yesterday at 11 o'clock and solemn service had a quartet composed of Chas. Landscheit, Mrs. Ensor and Mr. and Mrs. Carrington softly sang sweet hymns and Rev. Leak spoke eloquently of the good life the deceased had led and feelingly spoke of her numerous acts of charity. After the service the remains were placed on the 12:15 train for Cypress Lawn Cemetery where the interment took place. The pall bearers were: W. H. Kinne, P. P. Chamberlain, J. W. Glennan, Thomas Hind, Judge Hannon and C. D. Hayward. The deceased was a native of New Hampshire aged 91 years. During her younger years she was a school teacher. Among her favorite pupils was the youth who after became her husband. Mr. Gordon came to California in the early 50's and located in Marin county where he prospered. With his success in business he renewed the romance of his youth with the result that after a brief correspondence Miss Lewis came to California and the couple were married. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have resided in this county since 1852 and the past thirty years in this city. They had been married 67 years.

Besides her husband Mrs. Gordon leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Morgan.

Death of Wm. Pringle.

William Pringle, one of the oldest residents of the coastside, passed away at his home in Halfmoon Bay Wednesday. Deceased was a native of Canada aged 72 years. He came to Halfmoon Bay in 1860, and engaged in the harness business with considerable success. He was prominent in politics and for a long time held the office of Justice of the Peace of the Fourth Township. He was a staunch Republican and always held a prominent place in the councils of this party. His advice was always sought by the leaders. He was highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors. He was an honest man and this is the noblest work of God. He is survived by his wife and several grown daughters. In late years Mr. Pringle was identified in several reform movements.

H. W. Fowler Dies.
Hervey W. Fowler died Sunday at Redwood City, where he has been living for several months. The cause of his death was probably due to a weakened condition of the heart, and to advanced age.

Mr. Fowler was a former resident of Palo Alto and had large property interests there. About two years ago he married Miss Dora Duncan of Palo Alto and for some time after that spent most of his time in Santa Cruz, until the last few months. He was a native of Connecticut and had led an energetic business life up to the time of coming to California, when he settled down to the enjoyment of the fortune he had amassed. He leaves a young widow and two grown sons, Edward S. and William H. Fowler. The former is a resident of Wellesley Park where he maintains a palatial home.

Palo Alto Boys Quitters.

Friday's basket ball game with Manzanita Hall of Palo Alto was considerable of a disappointment to the Sequoia team. Having recently concluded their football season, the boys had not had practice enough to get used to basket ball and as a consequence were held for considerable rough playing and a number of fouls were called. Some of the players from Manzanita Hall thought the referee unfair in making his decisions, and finally left the field, making the score 2 to 0 in favor of Redwood on account of default.

In the winning of the game in this manner there is no credit to the Redwood team, but there is credit in the clean manner in which they played.

Saturday morning a return game was played with Cogswell Sophomores with the score of 7 to 6 in favor of Redwood. In the previous game, Redwood lost out to Cogswell with a similar score of 7 to 6. The boys from the city play a good clean game and there is a friendly feeling between the members of the two teams. Inasmuch as the score is now even, another game may be arranged for to play off the tie.

DOINGS ABOUT THE COUNTY OFFICES

Matters of General Interest to Litigants Called from the Public Records.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Appraisers Report on Valuation of Two Large Estates—Jury Gives Big Damage Award.

William H. Bias, guardian of the estates of James Braghetta and others that filed his annual account. According to the report the heirs are entitled to the following sums: Frances Adeline Braghetta \$774.10, Jas. Braghetta \$864.00, W. I. N. Braghetta \$867.60 and Theodore Roosevelt Braghetta \$874.10.

Ready for Probate.

Angelina Mori has applied in the Superior Court for letters of administration upon the estate of Stefano Mori, who died on April 24, 1908. The estate consists of money in bank amounting to \$2500 and real estate at Brighton. The entire value of the estate does not exceed \$5000. The heirs at law are the petitioner and five minor children.

Appraisers Make Report.

W. H. Almon, appraiser of the estate of John E. Owens, deceased, has filed his inventory and appraisal. The estate consists of lots in the \$75 Lot Homestead appraised at \$250.00.

Chase Littlejohn, Matthew Hedgcs and C. L. Gould, appraisers of the estate of Richard Russell Stewartson, deceased, have filed their inventory and appraisal. The total value of the estate is placed at \$17,239.14. It consists of money in bank, bonds, stock and personal property and real estate located in Redwood City.

L. P. Behrens, H. W. Schaberg and R. M. Wright, appraisers of the estate of Geo. H. Rice, deceased, have filed their inventory and appraisal. The total value of the estate is placed at \$108,297.87. The estate consists of real estate, bonds, notes, mortgages, stock and money in several banks. The cash in these banks amounts to \$17,616.02. All the real property is located in San Mateo County.

New Actions Filed.

E. A. Husing has brought suit against the trustees of the San Mateo Homestead Sanitary District to recover damages in the sum of \$6000 and \$15000 for other property owners in the district. He alleges that his property has been damaged to that amount by the action of the trustees. Plaintiff also asks that the Sanitary Assessor, H. D. Teal be enjoined and prohibited from computing and extending upon any alleged assessment roll of the district and any taxes against any real property therein.

Awards Big Damages.

The jury in the case of S. I. Allard and others against E. W. McLellan of Burlingame brought in a verdict Monday in favor of the plaintiffs for \$12,500 after being out only a short time after three ballots had been taken.

The plaintiffs in the case engaged McLellan to dig certain marsh lands in the vicinity of Belmont in the year 1905 for reclamation purposes, and upon being notified by McLellan that said work had been completed as per contract, had paid him the price agreed upon.

Subsequently, in the winter of 1907-08, owing to the extreme high tides and flood waters, the said dikes and levees gave way in several places and said lands became overflooded with salt water and the owners thereof immediately notified McLellan to repair such damages and in case of his failure would do the work at his expense, claiming that his contract agreed to exclude all salt water.

This McLellan refused to do, and plaintiffs had the land rediked and now seek to recover from McLellan the sum of \$15,000, cost of said work. All the plaintiffs are wealthy residents of Eureka, Humboldt County.

Defendant will appeal to the higher court.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

County Clerk Nash issued the following marriage licenses during the week:—

I. R. Ingraham, aged 27, of San Rafael, and Olivia Nelson, aged 23, San Francisco.

William J. Caesar, aged 35, Boulder Creek and Ida E. Bloom, aged 24, Pescadero.

Edward L. Veirs, aged 30, and Ethel C. Fuller, aged 26, both of San Jose.

